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In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98 and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statements that were filed on September 8, 2006 and November 28, 2005, Applicants hereby bring to the attention of the Examiner a Japanese Office Action dated February 3, 2009 that issued with respect to patent family member Japanese Patent Application No. 2007-292332, in which the following documents were cited:

- (1) JP 2003-061055 A, which is submitted together with an English language Abstract thereof, and which is a patent family member of US 2002/0186485 and US 2007/0172207;
- (2) JP 2002-369154 A; and

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(3) JP 2003-249057 A.

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The relevance of these documents, as ascertained with respect to the Japanese claims by the Japanese Examiner, is set forth in the Japanese Office Action.

Applicants note that above-noted documents (2) and (3), together with their English language Abstracts, were previously cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed on November 28, 2005, and thus, copies of these documents are not provided herewith.

Further to 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(ii), copies of the U.S. patent publications are not enclosed herewith. However, if any copy is needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. A copy of JP 2003-061055, including the noted English language Abstract, is attached hereto, and all of the documents, with the exception of documents (2) and (3), are listed on an attached Form PTO-1449. A copy of the Japanese Office Action is also attached hereto. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form, and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application.

Since this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted subsequent to the issuance of a Notice of allowance, Applicants have included herewith a check in the amount of \$180.00 to cover the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17 (p). Applicants furthermore certify that each new item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement (i.e., above-noted document (1)) was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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